

Comment on RM-10867 - I concur with all aspects of the ARRL petition except the retention of the code test for the new Extra class. Simplifying the licensing structure makes sense, but we should strike down the CW code proficiency test as an element for any class of amateur radio license. One hundred years ago CW was a very practical and necessary form of rf-communications. It was the most robust form of communications until the mid twentieth century, but that is history. It has been replaced by a plethora of communications technologies, such as digital codes, modulation schemes and waveforms. The professional communicators of the world, commercial, military and government communicators no longer use CW and the ITU no longer requires its testing, nor should we. Signed -Robert Y. Felt, KB5YZG